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ANNUAL REPORT

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SELECTMEN, TREASURER

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF PLAISTOW

For the Year Ending March 1, 1884,

TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT of TOWN DEBT.

HAVERHILL, MASS.
GAZETTE STEAM JOB PRINT.
1884.

Officers Biennally Elected.

Representative to General Court,

GEORGE SUMNER.

Supervisors of Check Lists,

JOSEPH HARRIS, JOHN H. POLLARD, NATHANIEL A. WENTWORTH.

Officers Elected Annually.

Town Clerk,

MOSES KIMBALL.

Selectmen,

JAMES M. DAVIS, ISAAC HALL, ALLISON B. CRANE.

Treasurer,

MOSES KIMBALL.

Collector of Taxes,

JOHN M. KIMBALL.

Superintending School Committee,

ANNIE L. DOW.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1883,	$ 159.96
From County, on account of Paupers,	220.98
Railroad Tax,	137.11
Savings Bank Tax,	96.80
Literary Fund,	80.58
Rueben Peaslee's heirs, tax bought by town,	33.74
Use of Town Hall,	6 00
Interest on taxes of 1883,	16.55
John M. Kimball, Collector 1882, on account of Jos. Day's tax bought by the town,	25.00
N. Hall's tax bought by town,	7.68
Ira Noyes' tax bought by town,	36.20
N. Hall's tax bought by town, 1881,	8.19
Wilbur H. Flanders' tax bo't by town, 1881,	33.54
Daniel Austin's tax bought by town, 1881,	5.00
Ira Noyes' tax bought by town, 1881,	41.80
H. H. Cheney, Collector, 1879,	3.10
" " Interest on taxes, 1879,	1.40
George Sumner, Collector, 1881,	12.00
Town of Atkinson on account of Line bridge,	1.75
John M. Kimball, Collector, 1882,	598.58
" " " " 1883,	3,550 45
Merrimack National Bank,	500,00
	$5,576 41

DISBURSEMENTS.

By paying Town Bond,		$1,000 00
Interest on Bond overdue,		6 84
Coupons,		540 00
Selectmen's Orders,		3,939 53
Cash in treasury,		90 04
		5,576 41

H. H. CHENEY, Collector, 1879.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1883,		7 51
CR.	By paying Town Treasurer,	3 10	
	Abatements,	4 41	
			7 51

FRANK W. SHANNON, Collector, 1880.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1884,		22 69

GEORGE SUMNER, Collector, 1881.

DR.	To uncollected Taxes, March 1, 1883,	28 37	
	" Dog tax,	4 00	
			32 37
CR.	By paying Town Treasurer,	12 00	
	Abatements,	9 24	
	Due on Dog Tax,	4 00	
	Balance due the town,	7 13	
			32 37

JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1882.

DR.	To uncollected taxes, March 1, 1883,	756 57	
	" Dog tax	3 00	
			759 57
CR.	By paying Town Treasurer,	598 58	
	Abatements,	14 18	
	Taxes bought by the town,	80 30	
	Balance due the town,	65 51	
	Balance due on dog tax,	1 00	
			759 57

JOHN M. KIMBALL, Collector, 1883.

DR.	Taxes committed for collection:		
	State Tax,	$ 932 00	
	County Tax,	1,174 98	
	Town Tax,	1,000 00	
	Percentage,	202 97	
	School Tax,	815 50	
	Non-Resident Highway Tax,	139 12	
	School-house tax District No. 4,	35 00	
	Percentage,	1 75	
	Dog Tax,	48 00	
	Highway tax, 1882, not worked out, and returned to Selectmen according to law,	19 44	
			4,368 76
CR.	By paying Town Treasnrer.	3,550 45	
	Non-resident Highway Receipts,	27 57	
	Abatements,	5.75	
	Balance due the town,	772 89	
	" " Dog Tax,	12 00	
			4,368 76

DOG TAX.

Amount due March 1, 1885,		15 00
paid School Districts,	9 00	
Abated,	2 00	
Balance due,	12 00	
		15 00
Amount of tax, 1883,		48 00
paid School Districts,	34 00	
Abated,	2 00	
Balance due,	12 00	
	48 00	

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Prudential Committee, District No. 1,	226 16	
" " " 2,	211 94	
" " " 3,	337 21	
" " " 4,	163 77	
		939 08
Appropriation, Literary Fund and Dog Tax,		939 08

SCHOOL-HOUSE MONEY.

Amount raised for repairs,	35 00
" drawn on Treasurer,	35 00

ABATEMENTS.

Collector Cheney's List, 1879.

Frank H. Hall, moved from town,	1 28
John Clifford, moved from town,	1 00
P. A. Baker, " " "	2 13
	4 41

Collector Sumner's List, 1881.

Foster H. Glover, dead,	2 46
Andrew J. Elliott, poor,	2 05
William Carleton, moved from town.	2 52
Augustus A. Russell, " " "	2 21
	9 24

Collector Kimball's List, 1882.

Warren Clark, moved from town,	2 10
Francis M. Corliss, moved from town,	2 10
John H. Kelley, paid tax in Gilford,	2 37
Frank Kelly, paid tax in Gilford,	2 41
John Clifford, moved from town,	2 10
Daniel Peaslee, claimed to own no dog,	1 00
Daniel Peaslee, poll tax, being over 70 years,	2 10
	14 18

Collector Kimball's List, 1883.

Elbridge H. Noyes, error,	$ 87
Felix Fountain, claimed to own no dog,	2 00
Adolphus Provost, moved from town,	1 43
Frank Thoreau, not of age,	1 44
	5 75

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Wm. Judson, E. Castle, J. E. Peaslee 2d H. P. Hill and others work on Capt. Joseph Noyes' road,	$75 00
Wm. Judson, work on Newton road,	5 25
E. G. Tucker, work railing Clark's bridge,	1 75
Wm. Judson, cleaning out bridge near store of Moses Kimball,	3 50
Nicholas Janelle, work on road,	2 78
Moses Goodchild, work on road, 1880,	9 00
J. M. Davis, drawing plank and stringers for water course plank and stringers for the same,	3 27
Sharpening Pick,	25
M. Kimball, for spikes,	16
Wm. Judson, work on road,	1 30
Railing Clark's bridge and highway and drawing posts for same,	4 50
Railing Eaton's bridge and drawing railing and posts from Atkinson Depot,	1 50
Railing Bradley's bridge, Noyes' bridge, Line bridge and planking Noyes' bridge and drawing rail- and posts from Atkinson Depot,	5 00
Repairing Seaver bridge,	50
Railing Clark's hill, self and man,	3 00
Drawing railing from Atkinson Depot, and work railing highway between B. G. Flanders' and Bradley place, and posts for same,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	119 76

Amount brought forward,	$119 76
Cyrus Holt, work on highway near house of B. G. Flanders,	2 00
Hanscom Bros., for spikes and sewar cap,	5 88
S. Rowell, for posts,	3 75
D. D. Chase & Son, lumber,	47 70
P. D. Britton, work on highway,	15 00
John M. Kimball, work on highway, 1882,	18 63
Isaac Hall, self and horse drawing plank for Bryant bridge and putting down the same,	2 50
N. Hall, one-half day on same,	75
Labor, lumber and nails, for Harriman bridge,	1 50
Railing Welch bridge and 10 posts, &c., for same,	3 58
Railing Clark's hill,	3 00
28 Posts for same,	4 20
5 Posts for other bridges,	75
Joseph Harris, putting in new water course,	5 00
Isaac Hall, 1 day setting posts and railing Terry hall,	2 00
N. Hall, 1 day,	1 50
9 Posts,	1 35
2 lbs. Nails,	08
4 Poles,	80
Wm. C. Noyes, damage on highway near N. H. Clark's,	50 00
Moses B. Dow, ironwork for bridges,	5 00
	$294 73

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. Mandeville, reports, 1882,	$13 00
E. B. Frye, returning births and deaths,	5 00
J. Mandeville, for highway tax notices,	3 50
J. M. Davis, for bounty paid on crows,	3 30
Amount carried forward,	24 80

Amount brought forward,	$24 80
Thompson & Batchelder, Collector's and Highway Surveyor's books, etc.	2 07
M. Kimball, burners, shades, etc, for Town hall,	2 30
W. T. Stevens. sheathing Town hall,	8 00
S. C. Loverin, painting Town hall,	3 20
J. M. Davis, postage and stationary,	83
Perkin's express and telegram,	57
Fare and expenseto Exeter to settle with couuty commissioners,	1 45
Hanscom Brothers, paint for Town hall,	2 29
D. D. Chase & Son, sheathing, etc, for Town hall,	12 36
N. A. Wentworth, services as police,	2 00
Isaac Davis, service as police,	2 00
Isaac Hall, 80 feet lumber for Town hall,	1 20
6 lbs. Nails,	24
E. E. Peaslee, planing boards, etc,	40
Self and horse getting the same,	2 00
M. B. Dow, paint stock for Town hall,	1 00
	66.71

TOWN OFFICERS.

John Bradley, services as Supervisor, 1881 and 1882,	5 00
John H. Noyes, " " " " " "	6 00
Moses Kimball, services as Town Clerk,	20 00
Moses Kimball, services as Treasurer,	20 00
Annie L. Dow, services as S. S. Committee,	20 00
Allison B. Crane, services as Selectmen,	20 00
Isaac Hail, services as Selectmen,	35 00
James M. Davis, services as Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor,	75 00
John M. Kimball, collecting $4,290 10,	75 07
	276 07

TAXES.

County Tax,	$1,174 98
State Tax,	932 00
	2,106 98

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid Moses Stevens,	$44.18
Addie Buzzell,	78.00
Martha Colby,	20.45
Peter Marno,	18.00
Thomas Boardman,	58.00
Transient persons,	2.35
	220.98

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Due on Town Bonds,	8,000 00
Coupons,	240 00
Note Merrimack Bank,	500 00
School-house Tax, District No. 2,	4 21
School-house Tax, District No. 3,	1 98
Dog Tax.	17 00
	8,763 19

ASSETTS.

Due from taxes, costs and interest on property bought by town,	57 37
F. W. Shannon Collector, 1880,	22 69
George Sumner, Collector, 1881,	11 13
John M. Kimball, Collector, 1882,	66 51
John M. Kimball, Collector, 1883,	784 89
Cash in Treasury,	90 04
	1,032 63
Debt March 1st, after deducting assets,	7,730 56

ACCOUNT OF PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES AND BOUGHT BY THE TOWN.

Heirs of George Dow,	$ 9 44
John B. Bryant,	26 09
Antoine Pinet,	8 67
John M. Russell,	5 96
E. A. Townsend,	7 21
	57 37

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. DAVIS,
ISAAC HALL,
ALLISON B. CRANE,
} Selectmen of Plaistow.

NOTE.—On page 5, under the head "Dog Tax, amount due March 1 1883," it should read, amount abated, $1.00, instead of $2.00; balance due, $5.00 instead of $12.00.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

N. A. WENTWORTH, Prudential Committee.

MRS. L. E. WELCH, Teacher for the Year.

There were a large number of pupils in this school, some of whom were quite irregular in their attendance. The first term closed with one of those school entertainments which Mrs. W. is remarkably fitted for getting up. She has the faculty of bringing out the best in her pupils and inspiring them with enthusiasm to do that best. A class in spelling was particularly attractive, some very small scholars spelling some very large words. The friends present testified their hearty enjoyment of the exercises. We visited the school at the commencement of the fall term. It closed with an evening exhibition which we had not the pleasure of attending, but it was reported by all present as being a very brilliant affair. Knowing Mrs. W.'s qualifications in this respect, we have no doubt about it. There were 26 weeks of school, 9 in the spring and 17 in fall and winter. Whole number of scholars, 50. All attended to reading and Spelling, 40 to Arithmetic, 30 to Geography, 2 to Grammar, 2 to History, 2 to Composition.

Pupils not absent or tardy first term: Sammy Wentworth, Eddie Wentworth, Annie Wentworth, Lizzie Kelleher, Hezz Welch, Hattie W. Denoncour, Thomas Connor.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

ISAAC H. POLLARD, Prudential Committee.

MISS CORA B. POLLARD, Teacher for the Year.

We are pleased to find the same marked characteristics in this school, at the close of the spring term, which have been prominent in Miss P.'s administration for the past three years. The pupils were quiet and decorous, and the recitations gave evidence of much careful and patient study. The classes in History did themselves much credit. The rhetorical exercises were varied and of an interesting and elevating character. There were twenty-five weeks of school, 9 in the summer and 16 in the winter and autumn. The whole number of pupils were 17. All attended to Reading and Spelling, nearly all to Writing, 11 to Arithmetic, 10 to Geography, 4 to Grammar, 1 to History.

Pupils not absent or tardy: Georgie L. Gates, Ora Severance.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

MOSES KIMBALL, Prudential Committee.

MISS STELLA M. GEORGE, Teacher for the Year.

Miss George has had her usual success in this school and her services continue to be held in high estimation by pupils and parents. At the last examination, there were evidences of application and of progress in nearly all branches. We think much good will result to the pupils from their experience in writing and drawing. "Going to the board" is no longer a terror, but a pleasure to them. At the close of the winter term there were some very interesting and entertaining rhetorical exercises, and we were gratified by seeing a large num berof parents and friends present, thus proving their interest in the welfare and prosperity of the school. It will be seen that there are quite a large number of names in the "Roll of Honor." Of these Archibald W. Williams, Burton C. Williams, Henry M

Williams and Alice M. Williams have not been absent or tardy for the year; also, 1st term, Frank E. Davis, Hugh T. Duffill, Ashley H. George, Clarence P. Kimball, Ned S. Sleeper, Mary L. George, Fannie E. Sleeper; 2d term: Ethel M. Pollard; 3d term: Edwin B. Nichols, Hugh T. Duffill, Frank E. Davis, Burt L. Cummings, Horace R. Hubbard, Clarence P. Kimball

There were 30 weeks of school, 9 in the spring term, 11 in the fall and 10 in the winter.

Whole number of scholars, 50. All attended to Reading and Spelling, 45 to Writing, 43 to Arithmetic, 20 to Geography, 10 to Grammar, 6 to History, 50 to drawing, 1 to Physiology, 2 to Algebra.

DISTRICT NO. 4

PHILIP C. MARDEN, Prudential Committee.

The spring term of this school was taught by Miss Sarah A. Phillips. Miss P was a teacher of experience, and this fact was evident in her management of this school. She was successful in gaining the affections of her pupils, and consequently the esteem and good will of their parents. The discipline of the school was good, and the classes in the different branches appeared well and had made good progress Length of term, 9 weeks. Whole number of pupils, 27. All attended to Reading and Spelling, 16 to Writing, 20 to Arithmetic, 8 to Geography, 2 to Grammar, 1 to History. 7 to Composition, 1 to Drawing, 1 to Book-keeping.

Names of pupils not absent or tardy: Mary E. Wright, George W. Bly, Bertie Britton, Perley A. Shute, Lemuel P. Thompson.

The fall term of this school was taught by your Committee and was an exceptionally pleasant one. Nothing occurred to disturb the harmony between teacher and pupils, and the progress in study was very marked. It is our decided conviction, formed upon intimate acquaintance with this school for the past two years, that there are several pupils here that have ability

in some sciences, which, considering their ages, is above the average. Length of term, 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 22. All attended to Reading and Spelling, 13 to Writing, 18 to Arithmetic, 7 to Geography, 3 to Grammar, 1 to History, 1 to Composition, 10 to Drawing.

Pupils not absent or tardy: George W Bly.

The whole number of pupils in all the schools in town, attending not less than two weeks, 144; boys, 86; girls, 58. None are reported unable to read or write in any district, and none between the ages of 5 to 15 as not attending any school. In some of the districts an unusual degree of interest has been manifested by the parents. Prosperity has, as a rule attended all our schools. The position of a teacher in a public school is a very trying as well as responsible one, and we are glad that many realize the fact, and use their influence to encourage and sustain them.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE L. DOW,

Superintending School Committee.